

insolvency up 2 years. The Republican plan actually harms Social Security by taking away money from the trust fund. Every so-called "surplus" dollar put into the trust fund is already earmarked to pay future benefits. There is simply no way to divert those dollars to private accounts.

If Republicans really want to strengthen Social Security, do we not think they would come up with a proposal that would really actually extend solvency?

The American public demands reform, but not in this manner. Privatization is not the way to go. In my own district, 60,000 people are on Social Security. They look forward to that continued support.

GROWING REAL OWNERSHIP FOR WORKERS ACCOUNTS ACT

(Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, when my constituents find out that Congress has been spending Social Security money on programs other than Social Security, they are mad. That is why I am working to put an end to this immoral practice.

In the past, Congress has not had the discipline to keep its hand out of the Social Security cookie jar.

Our proposal says that future Congresses cannot get their hands on the money in the first place.

My commonsense solution is simple: make sure that Congress spends Social Security taxes on Social Security.

When workers can save part of their Social Security money in a personal retirement account with their name on it, Congress will have to cut spending from other bloated programs.

Our bill, the Growing Real Ownership for Workers Accounts Act, grows accounts and is an achievable first step toward sending the Social Security surplus back where it belongs, in the pockets of hardworking Americans.

I urge my colleagues to cosponsor this bill today.

KARL ROVE DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN OUTING OF COVERT CIA AGENT

(Ms. SLAUGHTER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, we now know that Karl Rove is one of the White House officials directly involved in the outing of a covert CIA agent.

Rove and his attorneys can parse the words all they want, but it is now clear that while Rove may not have given a reporter Plame's name, he clearly identified her by telling the reporter that Joseph Wilson's wife was a CIA agent.

Does Rove expect us to believe that any reporter worth a byline could not easily find out the actual name of Wilson's wife? And, as disturbing as this

is, it is even more disturbing that President Bush continues to support Rove.

In September 2003, President Bush told reporters, "If there is a leak out of my administration, I want to know who it is." Well, the President now knows at least one of the persons in his administration is responsible for this leak. The question is, will he keep his word and fire Mr. Rove?

President Bush should not forget the comments of his own father who in a speech before the CIA in 1999 said, "I have nothing but contempt and anger for those who betray the trust by exposing the names of our sources. They are, in my view, the most insidious of traitors." And right on, first President Bush.

If this President agrees with his father, he will fire Karl Rove and clear the way for his prosecution.

EXPLOSION OF TRIBAL CASINOS

(Mr. WOLF asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I am concerned about the rapid spread of gambling in the United States, now largely through the dramatic expansion of tribal casinos, which are devastating America's communities and families.

Gambling ruins families. It ruins communities. It ruins businesses. Gamblers often neglect their families and lose their jobs, careers and marriages to the habit. Gambling preys on the weak and gambling exploits the poor. Study after study shows that when a casino opens in a community, crime and suicide and bankruptcies rise.

As if our Nation is not saturated enough with gambling operations, now comes news of plans to open a casino two miles from the historic Gettysburg battlefield. Yes, Gettysburg. Thousands of Americans from the north and the south died at Gettysburg. It is hallowed ground. Its place in our history is sacred.

Is there no place in America immune from the lure of gambling?

I recently wrote President Bush urging him to issue an Executive Order to halt the explosion of gambling with a 2-year moratorium on new tribal casinos. Why will the Bush administration not act?

TIME FOR ROVE TO COME CLEAN WITH PUBLIC

(Ms. WATSON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. WATSON. Mr. Speaker, when Karl Rove's attorney finally admitted to the Washington Post yesterday that Rove told a reporter Joseph Wilson's wife was a CIA agent, he was indeed identifying her. It does not take too much investigative reporting beyond that to actually come up with a name.

Now, Rove's attorney is trying to explain away Rove's actions by stating that he was merely "discouraging Time from perpetuating some statements that had been made publicly and weren't true." Convenient explanation, but are we supposed to believe this from an attorney who previously stated that Rove did not reveal any confidential information?

Clearly, Rove did reveal confidential information when he told Time reporter Matt Cooper that Joseph Wilson's wife was a CIA agent.

Karl Rove himself should come forward and level with the American people about his involvement in the Valerie Plame leak. Failing this, President Bush should ask for his resignation.

IMPROVING ECONOMY

(Mr. PRICE of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, 146,000 jobs were created in the month of June with the unemployment rate dropping to 5 percent, the lowest unemployment rate since September of 2001. Steady job growth has taken place each month over the last 25 months, and more Americans are working than ever before.

Economic indicators show strong and sustained growth, with real gross domestic product and real income revised up for the first quarter and inflation down. Profits as a share of GDP are up to their highest levels since 1967. Durable goods orders are on the rise, with new orders increasing 5.5 percent for May, the largest increase in 14 months. U.S. manufacturing continues to expand. For the 25th consecutive month, manufacturing expanded, again, in June. Consumer confidence is up, rising nearly 3 points in June to its highest level in 3 years.

Mr. Speaker, the improving economy is not empty rhetoric. What is crystal clear is that the policies of this Congress and this administration are pro-growth, leading the charge, and they are succeeding.

WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT

(Mr. BLUMENAUER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, the single most important vote of the week and one of the most important of the year is buried in the massive Water Resources Development Act coming before Congress this week: the Upper Mississippi Lock project. This is the "Big Dig" of water projects. Actually, it is like five or six big digs, since 10 percent of all water resources for years to come will be spent on this single project.

I urge my colleagues to look closely at the amendment that I will be offering with my colleague, the gentleman